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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.809

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physician, Anesthesiologist, ARNP and CRNA Providers

ISSUE BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: Change in Payment Methodology for Code 01967

In the past, Iowa Medicaid has instructed providers to bill code 01967 (Neuraxial labor analgesia/anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery) with one unit which paid at a fee schedule of \$351.36. To be consistent with how other anesthesia codes pay, IME has changed the reimbursement for code 01967 to be made according to anesthesia pricing methodology and pay as a time based code. **Effective immediately, for dates of service December 1, 2008 and after, code 01967 should be billed with the appropriate number of anesthesia units with one unit equal to one minute.** It appears most providers are already submitting this way. The base value of this code has also been updated and effective December 1, 2008 it is 75.

Due to a potential negative impact for some providers, IME will not submit adjustments on the providers' behalf. If you would like to have any claims for procedure code 01967 that have already paid the previous fee schedule rate (\$351.36) adjusted for dates of service 12/01/08 and after, please mail a completed Credit/Adjustment Request form and correct claim to:

IME Provider Services
PO Box 36450
Des Moines, IA 50315

Please note all claims with dates of service prior to 12/01/08 should be billed with 1 unit. No adjustments will be made to those claims.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 (Des Moines) or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us